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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 21, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-14 and allowing claims 15-25, 37, 38, and 40, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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